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FROM: BONN

ROUTINE

ACTION: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FOLLOWING REPEATED FOR INFO TO DEPT 3275, SENT BONN 97.

FROM DUSSELDORF JANUARY 15, 7 P.M.

ATTENTION CONSULAR REPORTS OFFICER.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION REFERENCE TODAY'S ARRESTS NAUMANN, SCHEEL,
ETC. (DUSSELDORF'S TEL 95, JANUARY 15) OBTAINED FROM
BRITISH LAND COMMISSION'S POLITICAL SECTION:

(1) DOCTOR FRIEDRICH MIDDLEHAUSE, HEAD NRW FDP, CALLED UP
BRITISH POLITICAL OFFICER EARLY THIS MORNING WELL BEFORE OFFICIAL
PRESS RELEASE TO EXPRESS HIS CONSTERNATION AND ASTONISHMENT. HE
SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED FOR BONN WITH DOCTOR ACHENBACH OF "GENERAL AMNESTY"
FAME.

(2) WOLFGANG DOERING, FDP LAND SECTION, HAD LUNCH WITH BRITISH POLITICAL
OFFICER AND WAS OBVIOUSLY SEVERELY SHAKEN BY ARRESTS. EXPRESSED HIS
CONVICTION THAT SO-CALLED LIBERAL OR LEFT-WING OF FDP IN NRW HAD BEEN
BEHIND WHOLE AFFAIR AND HAD FED FALSE ALLEGATIONS TO BRITISH SECRET SERVICE.
ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION CHAIRMAN BLUECHER HAD KNOWN OF THIS AND IS
"TRAITOR".

(3) FIRST REACTION OF MINISTER PRESIDENT ARNOLD WHEN INFORMED
THIS MORNING WAS APPARENTLY APPROVAL, AS HE SAID: "I COULD GIVE YOU
MORE NAMES OF THIS TYPE." BRITISH HAVE ALSO SPOKEN WITH OTHER
MINISTER PRESIDENTS IN BRITISH ZONE TODAY TO EXPLAIN ARRESTS.

(4) THERE WERE THREE OTHERS ON BRITISH LIST WHO ARE STILL BEING SOUGHT.

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(5) ENTIRE ACTION HAS BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. BRITISH INTELLIGENCE HAS OVERWHELMING PROOF OF PLOTTING THESE INDIVIDUALS AND ON THEIR VERY CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH MIDDLEHAUVE AND HIS FOLLOWERS. BRITISH POLITICAL OFFICER GAVE NO (RPT NO) INDICATION THAT ANY IMMEDIATE SUBVERSIVE ACTION HAD BEEN PLANNED. HE INDICATED THAT REVELATIONS FOLLOW ARRESTS MAY REVERSE TREND OF GROWING INFLUENCE WHICH NATIONALIST WING HAS WON IN FDP.

(6) DOERING INDICATED TO BRITISH HIS BELIEF THAT FEDERAL BUNDESWEHRFAS UNGSSCHUTZAMT HAD NOT (RPT NOT) BEEN INFORMED OF RAID IN ADVANCE BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNRELIABLE. MENTIONED THAT HEAD OF ITS ABWEHR SECTION IS "A NAZI." SIGNED CHALKER.

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NOTE: MR. CONGER (GER) NOTIFIED 1/16/53, 9:55 A.M. KW.

ACTION: GER

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